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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/891,445

Filed: 06/26/01

For: NON-AQUEOUS SURFACTANT-
CONTAINING FORMULATIONS FOR
EXTENDED RELEASE OF
SOMATOTROPIN

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: TELLER, R.R.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is March 3, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11916.0048.NPUS00**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.